

Singapore Technologies designs, develops, manufactures and markets a range of engineering opportunities for both the military and commercial uses. Mr. Boon has been with the company since 1979, beginning as a marine engineer.

His vision to take this global enterprise to the next level was not hot air; he did it the old-fashioned way, from the ground up, taking care of the assorted details along the way. Market capitalization grew by \$6 billion in roughly five years and he raised disclosure standards.

He has two philosophies for running a successful company. One, he got the best people by recruiting, retaining and retraining. He found smart, talented people; he enticed them to stay and he offered them continual professional development.

The other philosophy is enshrined in the company motto: "A bowstring which is always kept taut will soon become over-stretched, lose its elasticity and cease to be of use. So it is with human beings, who must alternate work with relaxation."

To that end, this high-level executive lives on the edge by indulging in deep sea diving and skydiving. Between these activities he is an avid jogger.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commending my friend, Boon Swann Foo, for winning the prestigious Business Award.

FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING  
SEAS TO COMMANDER LAURELL  
A. BRAULT

**HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 12, 2002*

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding naval officer, Commander Laurell A. Brault, who served with distinction and dedication for over two years for the Secretary of the Navy and under the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (FM&C) as a Navy Appropriations Liaison Officer. It is a privilege for me to recognize her many outstanding achievements and commend her for the superb service she has provided to the Department of the Navy, the Congress, and our nation.

On a professional level, Commander Brault has supported members of the House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Defense as well as our professional and associate staffs, providing critical information on Department of the Navy plans, programs and budget decisions since January 2000. Her valuable contributions have enabled the Defense Subcommittee and the Department of the Navy to strengthen its close working relationship and to ensure the most modern, well-trained and well-equipped naval forces attainable for the defense of our great nation. As a Member of the Subcommittee representing the San Diego naval community, I have worked extensively with Laurell, and have come to greatly admire her.

Although she is a quiet and very humble person, no one should mistake those qualities as weaknesses in the rough and tumble world of Washington. Laurell is a very strong, talented and reliable professional, who has worked her system to be more responsive to

our needs on Capitol Hill. More than serving as a conduit of information between the legislative and executive branches, Laurell has reached out to her colleagues and taken the time to get to know us on a personal level.

Nowhere is that personal touch and caring more evident than in her life outside the Pentagon. Despite the long and demanding hours she keeps as a Navy liaison, she continues to devote considerable time to her faith and community. She dedicates considerable time each week for a host of volunteer programs at her church and to an ever expanding group of "adopted" family that she has come to know through those efforts. I am certain that everyone who has had the opportunity to get to know Laurell and work with her is the better for it, and I am pleased to be among that fortunate group.

Mr. Speaker, Laurell Brault and her husband Jim have made many sacrifices during her Navy career, and her distinguished and unselfish service has exemplified the best our nation has to offer. As they depart the Appropriations Matters Office to embark on yet another great Navy adventure in the service of a grateful nation, I call upon colleagues to wish them both every success, and the traditional Navy "fair winds and following seas."

REMEMBERING ALFRED P.  
HOLMES, JR., OF MOBILE, ALA-  
BAMA

**HON. BOB RILEY**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 12, 2002*

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening in remembrance of my fellow Alabamian, Alfred P. Holmes, Jr., who was laid to rest earlier today in his hometown of Mobile. He was 71, and filled those years with family, friends, and service to his country and community, and I believe Congress should take note of his exceptional life.

Mr. Holmes believed in public service. He believed that people should use their talents to help their fellow man. After earning a bachelor's degree and juris doctor degree from the University of Alabama, he began a distinguished legal career built upon those noble ideals.

Mr. Holmes served his Nation as an officer in the U.S. Army's Judge Advocate General Corps and as an assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama. He was a member of the local, State and Federal bar associations and past president of the Mobile Area Federal Bar Association.

Mr. Holmes retired in 1990 as chief of the legal division in Mobile's district of the U.S. Corps of Engineers. While serving nearly three decades in that capacity, he helped guide the Corps' much-needed activities through complicated litigation, and paved the way for many of the monumental engineering and transportation projects that continue to benefit his fellow Alabamians.

While at the Corps, Mr. Holmes was presented with the U.S. Corps of Engineers Exemplary Service Award and was inducted into the District Gallery of Distinguished Civilian Employees.

Mr. Holmes was a graduate of Murphy High School and had lived in Mobile since child-

hood. He was a member of Ashland Place United Methodist Church and was chairman of its board of trustees at the time of his death.

Alfred Holmes was a fine man who lived a fine life. He was loved and cherished by his wife, Angie, honored and respected by his sons, Parker and Brock, and adored by his grandson, Michael.

They will miss a husband, a father, and a grandfather, and the entire city of Mobile will miss a dear friend and loyal citizen.

We in Congress salute the life of Alfred Holmes.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ARTHUR R.  
KONDRUP

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 12, 2002*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the YMCA of Western Monmouth County's 2002 Community Service Honoree, Mr. Arthur R. Kondrup, president of the Western Monmouth County Chamber of Commerce and his significant contributions to central New Jersey.

For more than three decades, Mr. Kondrup has given selflessly of his time, treasure, and talents through his commitment to community, church, and family. With a reputation that precedes him, Arthur's legacy of hard work and dedication to worthwhile endeavors makes him well known throughout Central New Jersey.

Over the years, Arthur has served his State honorably in numerous public service positions. As an elected official, he served on the governing body in Freehold Township for 14 years, including five terms as mayor. At the State level, Mr. Kondrup was appointed by Governor Kean as the first chairman of the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing. As chairman, he took on the difficult task of implementing the New Jersey Fair Housing Act.

A keystone of Arthur's life has been his involvement with church and his commitment to his faith. Among his varying accomplishments, he has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 46 years and has served as a lector at Sunday mass for over 30 years.

Additionally, it is appropriate to note that this September 13th, Arthur and his wife Patricia will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Arthur and Patricia are the proud parents of five children and grandparents of nine.

Mr. Speaker, again, I rise to celebrate, honor and commend this outstanding New Jerseyman. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Arthur Kondrup's invaluable contributions to our community and to central New Jersey.

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SPEECH OF

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2002*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the Girl Scouts of Delaware-